

Civitas BRISTOL  
et  
Com' ejusd' Civ'

*Ad General Quarterial Session Pacis Domini Regis ten' per Adjourn  
in & pro Com' Civit' BRISTOL in Guildhal de ejusdem Civit' die Lunæ (scilicet)  
decimo quarto die Februarii, Anno Regni Dom' GEORGII, nunc Regis Magnæ  
Britanniæ, &c. duodecimo Annoq; Dom' 1725. cora Roberto Earle, Major, Ci-  
vitat' prædict' Christophero Shuter, Ar' Nicholao Hickes, Ar' Jacobi Donning,  
Ar' & Josepho J. Heris, Ar' Aldris ejusd' Civit' Justiciar' dict' Dom' Regis ad  
Pacem, sua infra Com' Civit' prædict' conservand' necnon ad divers Felon' Tufgr'  
& al Malefra infra eund' Com' perpetrat' audiend' & terminand' Assign' &c.*



HEREAS the Trade and Navigation of the said City of BRISTOL is very much increased, and the Harbour in the River *Froom*, by means of the Market-Boats with Provisions and Timber coming in there every Spring-Tide, is greatly streightned, and the Merchant Ships lying there incommoded and often damaged; for preventing of which Mischiefs for the future, and for the compleat and secure accommodating the Market-Boats in time to come, and preventing the many Inconveniencies that have attended the Landing of Timber, Plank, and Staves, and letting the same lye on the Key, to the great hindrance of Shipping and discharging of Goods and Merchandizes, and to the incommoding the Passage of the Inhabitants and People going that way: The Mayor, Burgeses, and Commonalty of the said City have, at a very considerable Expence, made and built two several Keys or Wharfs for Landing of Goods, the one containing in Length about Three Hundred Foot, with several convenient Slips, situate on the River *Avon*, at the East End of *King-Street*; and the other, containing One Hundred and Eighty Foot in Length, on the River *Froom* on *St. Augustine's Back*, over-against the Head of the Key. Now for establishing and appropriating the same Keys or Wharfs to the Uses and Purposes for which the same were intended and designed, It is this Day by this Court ordered, (according to the Power and Authority given to this Court by an Act of Parliament, made in the eleventh and twelfth Years of our late Sovereign Lord King WILLIAM the Third, intituled, *An Act for the better preserving the Navigation of the Rivers Avon and Froom; and for cleansing, paving, and enlightning the Streets of the City of BRISTOL*) that from henceforth the following Rules and Orders shall be observed (*Viz.*)

I. It is ordered, That all Masters of Market-Boats, coming with Provisions to this City from any Place on the River *Severn*, between the *Holmes* and *Beachly*, after the Twenty Fifth Day of *March* 1726. shall come to the said New Wharf, at the East End of *King-Street*, and there discharge their Lading; and that in case any such Master, Pilot, or other Person, having at that time the chief Command, Care, or Direction of any such Boat or Vessel, shall neglect or refuse so to do, or shall discharge in any other place in this Port, he shall forfeit and pay for every time he shall so offend, the Sum of Forty Shillings of lawful *British* Money, to be levied, recovered, and applied, as it is hereinafter mentioned, directed and appointed.

II. That all Masters of Trows, Barges, Barques, Woodbushes, or such like Vessels, coming to this City down the River *Severn*, or from any part above the *Holmes*, laden with grofs Timber, Planks, Quarters, Poles, Staves, or Fewell, from and after the said Twenty Fifth Day of *March* 1726. shall discharge their Lading at the said New Key or Wharf on *St. Augustine's Back*; and that in case any such Master, Pilot, or other Person, having at that time the chief Command, Care, or Direction of any such Trow, Barge, or other Vessel, shall neglect or refuse so to do, or shall discharge any Species of the aforesaid Goods at any other Place in the said River *Froom*, he shall forfeit and pay for every time so offending, the Sum of Forty Shillings of lawful Money of *Great Britain*, to be recovered and apply'd, in manner as it is hereinafter ordered, directed, and appointed.

III. That no Master, Pilot, or other Person, having the chief Command, Care, or Direction of any Ship or Vessel arriving in this Port, from any Place below the *Holmes*, after the Twenty Fifth Day of *March* 1726. shall lay or moore his Ship or Vessel at either of the said two New Keys or Wharfs, upon pain that he shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Forty Shillings, to be levy'd, recovered, paid and employ'd, as is hereinafter ordered, directed and appointed.

IV. That no Owners of any Lighters, or their Servants, or any other Person, shall at any time from and after the said Twenty Fifth Day of *March* 1726. lay or moore any Lighter, full or empty, at either of the aforesaid two New Keys or Wharfs, on pain to forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Twenty Shillings; for the Payment whereof, the Owner or Owners of any such Lighter shall be lyable, in case the Person so offending cannot be known or come at, or shall be found insufficient to answer and pay the said Penalty.

V. That if any Vessel coming into this Port, partly laden with Corn or any other Provisions, to the said Key or Wharf at the East End of *King-Street*, having also on Board Hoops, Coopers-Timber, Faggots, or other Fewell, or such like Lumber, it shall be lawful for such Master to land such Lading there; provided such Goods so landed be removed and taken away within the space of Twenty Four Hours from the time of its being landed.

VI. That if any Inhabitant of this City shall have occasion for a Vessel's Lading, or part of a Lading of Timber or Plank, to be employed in Building on the East Side of the River *Froom*, the Master of such Trow or Vessel who shall bring the same, may, after a License obtained from Mr. Mayor (for the time being) and one Alderman, land the same at the Key on the East Side of the said River *Froom*; provided the same be removed and carried away within the space of Twenty Four Hours after the Landing thereof.

AND it is by this Court farther ordered, That all Fines, Pains and Penalties to be incurred or forfeited by virtue of this Order, and the Act of Parliament herein before mentioned, shall or may be levied or recovered by Distress and Sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Parties so offending, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of the Mayor of this City for the time being, and any one other Justice of the Peace of the said City: And if no such Distress can or may be had or found, then by Distress of any of the Tackle, Furniture, or Apparel of any such Ship, Trow, Boat, Lighter, or other Vessel, by the like Warrant to be had and made; and if no such Distress can or may be found, that then and in such Case the Parties so offending shall and may be bound over to appear at the then next Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden for the said City and County, then and there to answer their Contempt of this Order. AND it is farther ordered, That the Money arising from such Forfeitures be paid to and received by the Chamberlain of this City for the time being, by him to be employed in the necessary Repairing of the same Keys and Wharfs, and the Preservation of the Navigation of the said River, according to the Order and Direction of Mr. Mayor for the time being, and two of the Aldermen of this City, as occasion shall require.